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SUBJECT: MFA REFUSES TO DISCUSS DOD REPORT ON CHINA

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(U) The Russian MFA refused to discuss reftel with us. Moscow DAO, however, passed reftel to Deputy Chief of MOD's Foreign Liaison Directorate (UVS) Colonel Vladimir Skorobogatov on March 11, and to Chief of MOD's UVS General-Major Viktor Chernov on March 18 during the 2 Plus 2 talks. The MOD officials seemed genuinely interested in the DOD report, but given the highly classified nature of Russia's assessment of Chinese military strategy and capabilities, we do not expect to receive a reply to our request for a discussion on this matter in the near future.  
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